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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-7 (cancelled) ✓

Claim 8 (New) A mixture of metal and/or alloy particles and a liquid electrolytic medium, characterized in that the volume of the medium (approximately) corresponds to the spaces between the particles in a dry packing, [characterized in that the volume of the mixture is equal to or larger than the volume of a dry packing of the metal and/or alloy particles] and characterized in that said mixture exhibits a direct contact between almost all of the particles.

Claim 9 (New) The mixture according to claim 8, characterized in that said electrolytic medium contains a gelling agent. ✓

Claim 10 (New) The mixture according to claim 8, characterized in that said metal and/or alloy particles consist of zinc or a zinc alloy. ✓

Claim 11 (New) The mixture according to claim 10, characterized in that the particles have a bulk density of lower than 2.8 g/ml. ✓

Claim 12 (New) A process for preparing the mixture according to claim 8, characterized in that a dosable mixture with excess amounts of the electrolytic medium is prepared, first, which excess is sucked off from the mixture after the dosing. ✓ *Answer*

$$V_{mix} = 2$$